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SUBJECT: DUTCH STATE SECRETARY FOR TRADE REJECTS PROTECTIONISM
AND EXCHANGE RATE MANIPULATION

1. MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS STATE SECRETARY FOR TRADE
KAREL BEYEN TOLD MAY 29 ROTTERDAM MEETING OF FEDERATION OF
MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES THAT DUTCH
GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO REJECT PROTECTIONISM BECAUSE FOREIGN
TRADE IS TOO IMPORTANT TO THE NETHERLANDS. HE SAID GON IS
NOT PREPARED TO OFFER SUBSIDIES TO DUTCH EXPORT INDUSTRIES
TO OFFSET THE DISADVANTAGES CAUSED BY THE HARD GUILDER. HE
ALSO FIRMLY OPPOSED ANY MANIPULATION OF THE EXCHANGE RATE
BECAUSE IT WOULD INVITE A SPIRAL OF COUNTER MEASURES BY OTHER
COUNTRIES AND, FURTHERMORE, BECAUSE OF THE COUNTRY'S SOLID
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SURPLUSES, WOULD RAISE A STORM IN THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT GON WAS
FULLY AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS AFFECTING DUTCH TRADE AND
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INDUSTRY AND WOULD SOON ANNOUNCE A SERIES OF MEASURES
TO BE TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROMOTE EXPORTS.

2. COMMENT: THESE STRAIGHTFORWARD STATEMENTS OF
POLICY WERE REMARKABLE IN THAT THEY WERE MADE TO AN
AUDIENCE OF INDUSTRIALISTS, MANY OF WHOM ARE ASKING
FOR GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO MAINTAIN OPERATIONS AND

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